

## Mustangs beat Vikings, 11-2

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang baseball team beat the visiting Umatilla Vikings, 11-2, on Tuesday, April 27, in Columbia Basin Conference play, to remain in first place with a 5 and 1 record. The Mustangs improved to 14-1-1 overall. They play a key CBC doubleheader at home against Pilot Rock on Saturday, May 8, at 11 a.m. before hosting Weston-McEwen on Tuesday, May 11, at 4:30 p.m.

After spotting the Vikings a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, the Mustangs came back with two runs in the bottom half when Chuy Elguezabal walked and ended up scoring on a sacrifice fly by Jode Coil. Josh Gutierrez reached on an error and scored on a double by Kory Paullus.

They added three more in the second when Kyler Lovgren tripled and scored on a Nick Christman ground-out, Cody Walton singled and scored on an Elguezabal double and Coil had an RBI single to make it 5-1.

The Vikings got to within 5-2 before the Mustangs broke out with four runs in the fifth when Coil walked, Gutierrez reached on a fielder's choice, Paullus scored both with a single, then Lovgren and Christman each had RBI singles.

The Mustangs added two more in the seventh when Elguezabal reached on an error and Gutierrez walked, Nairns had an RBI single and another run scored on an error.

Kyle Carlson picked up the win, going four innings, and allowing four hits while striking out four and giving up one earned run. Zack Skaggs pitched three innings in relief, allowing just one hit while striking out six.

Lovgren went three for three, with a triple and scored twice. Paullus went two for four, with a double and three RBIs. Coil and Christman each had two RBIs and Elguezabal and Gutierrez each scored three runs.

Statistics  
Umatilla: 101 000 0 - 2 5 5  
Heppner: 230 042 x - 11 11 1

Marc Estrada, Brandon Fig (6) and Steve Wilson; Kyle Carlson, Zack Skaggs (5) and Jode Coil. W-Carlson. L-Estrada. 2B-Jordan Bennett (U); Chuy Elguezabal, Kory Paullus (H). 3B-Kyler Lovgren (H). HR-none.

## Football clinics planned

A Heppner Youth Sports Academy Quarterback/Running Back/Receiver Clinic has been planned for Sunday, May 16, and Sunday, May 23, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Age group sessions will be held and those in grades five through 12 are welcome to attend.

The clinic will be conducted by Eastern Oregon University offensive coordinator Brian Harris. Coach Harris has recently

been hired from Boise State University where he was the quarterback's coach.

"This is a chance for one-on-one instruction into the mechanics of playing the quarterback, running back and receiver positions," said Heppner High School athletic director and football coach Greg Grant.

For more information call Grant at 676-9138 work, or 676-5257 home. Cost of the clinic is \$10.

## Horseshoe tournament planned

A double elimination singles horseshoe tournament will be held at Hager Park in Heppner on Sunday, May 23, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Cost to enter is \$5 with payment to four places.

Organizer Ken Turner said the tournament will be a

warm-up to the Elks Club picnic and horseshoe tournament coming up in June and the Ione Fourth of July tournament.

For more information, contact Turner, 676-9710, or Simon Winter, 989-8415.

## Mustangs take two from Regis

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs baseball team scored 22 runs on 22 hits, eight for extra bases, to sweep the defending state champion Regis Rams, 13-6 and 9-5, on Saturday, May 1, in The Dalles at Wahtonka High School. The Mustangs also played good defense, turning three double plays in the first game and committing no errors in the second game. The Mustangs, now 16-1-1 on the year, return to Columbia Basin Conference play with a doubleheader at home against Pilot Rock on Saturday, May 8 at 11, a.m. and a single game at home against Weston-McEwen on Tuesday, May 11, at 4:30 p.m.

The Mustangs were the home team for the first game. After getting out of a jam in the top of the first, they scored a run in the bottom half on a double by Chuy Elguezabal and a two-out RBI double from Kory Paullus.

The Rams came back with a run in the second and two more in the third, but the Mustangs responded with two in the bottom half when Cody Walton led off with a bunt single, stole second, and scored on a two-out Josh Gutierrez single; Gutierrez then came around to score on a Paullus single.

The Mustangs took a 5-3 lead in the fourth when Luke Murray reached on an error, Kyler Lovgren and Nick Christman singled, Elguezabal reached on a fielder's choice to score a run and Jode Coil had an RBI single.

The Rams scored three runs in the fifth to take a 6-5 lead, but the Mustangs broke the game open with six runs in the bottom half. Paullus reached on an error, Murray had an RBI double, Lovgren had an RBI double, Christman singled, and Walton was hit by a pitch. Elguezabal walked in a run, Coil reached on an error to score a run and Gutierrez reached on a fielder's choice to score two more to make it 11-6.

They added two insurance runs in the sixth when Kiel Nairns was hit by a pitch and scored on a Lovgren double, and Lovgren scored on a Walton single.

Gutierrez went five innings, giving up just two earned runs with Christman pitching a perfect sixth and seventh innings in relief.

Lovgren went three for four with two doubles, two RBIs and three runs scored. Paullus went two for three with a double and three RBIs. Walton went two for three with two runs scored. Christman went two for four, Gutierrez had three RBIs, and Coil and Elguezabal each had two RBIs.

The Mustangs switched and were the visitors in the five inning second game. They jumped out to lead with four runs all scored with two outs in the first inning. Gutierrez walked, Paullus singled, Nairns had an RBI single, Murray had an RBI single and two runs scored when Lovgren reached on an error.

The Rams came back with three runs in the bottom half, but the Mustangs came back with three of their own in the top of the second to push their lead to 7-3. Walton reached on an error, Elguezabal had an RBI double, Coil singled, Gutierrez had an RBI single and Paullus scored a run on a ground-out.

The Rams got to within 7-4 until the Mustangs scored two more in the fifth when Murray reached on a fielder's choice and scored on a Lovgren triple, while Christman had an RBI single.

The Mustangs held on for the win as Coil came in to get the final two outs in relief. Christman went two innings for the win with Kyle Carlson going two innings in relief, giving up one run on three hits.

Christman went two for three with a double and an RBI. Lovgren had a triple and an RBI. Elguezabal had a double and an RBI, and Murray scored twice.

Statistics  
Game One  
Heppner: 13, Regis 6  
Regis: 012 030 0 - 6 8 4  
Heppner: 102 262 x - 13 13 3

Dan Martin, Drew Church (5) and Daniel Weis; Josh Gutierrez, Nick Christman (6) and Jode Coil. W-Gutierrez (4-0). L-Martin. 2B-Weis (R); Kyler Lovgren 2, Chuy Elguezabal, Luke Murray, Kory Paullus (H). 3B-Weis. HR-none.

Game Two  
Heppner 9, Regis 5  
Heppner: 430 02-9 9 0  
Regis: 301 01-5 9 3

Nick Christman, Kyle Carlson (3), Zack Skaggs (5), Jode Coil (5) and Coil, Chuy Elguezabal (5); Reid, Highberger and Austin Moothart, W-Christman (4-0). L-Highberger. 2B-Elguezabal, Christman (H); Moothart, Tyler Lulay, Drew Church (R). 3B-Kyler Lovgren (H). HR-none.

## Mustang JVs go extra innings to beat Pirates

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth to beat the visiting Riverside Pirates, 10-9, on Thursday, April 29. The Mustangs were leading the second game of the doubleheader, 6-0, in the bottom of the third when the game was called on account of darkness.

The Mustangs improved to 6 and 3 on the year. They will play the Hermiston Frosh in Hermiston on Monday, May 10 at 4:30 p.m. before finishing out the season at Riverside on Thursday, May 13, at 4:30 p.m. for a doubleheader.

The Mustangs took an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Quinn Peck reached on an error and came around to score on a Dan Basile double. The Pirates scored three in the top of the second, but the Mustangs came back with a run in the bottom half when Robbie Smith singled and ended up scoring on a sacrifice bunt fly by Travis Eubanks.

The Pirates increased their lead to 5-2 in the third, but the Mustangs got a run back when Basile, Kyle Carlson and Riley Wight singled and Smith was hit by a pitch to force in a run.

The Pirates led 7-3 in the fourth. The Mustangs rallied to tie it when Peck singled, Cody Hollis walked, Basile had an RBI single, Sloan Keithley was hit by a pitch to load the bases and Smith and Colton Hanson each reached on errors with two out to score three more runs.

The Mustangs took an 8-7 lead in the sixth as Carlson singled, Keithley bunted him over to second and he came in to score as Wight reached on an error. The Pirates came right back to tie it in the seventh. After a scoreless eighth, the Pirates scored a run in the top of the ninth to take a 9-8 lead.

The Mustangs came right back though when Peck walked, stole second and scored when Basile reached on an error with two out. After Carlson walked, Keithley singled to score Basile with the winning run.

Carlson pitched the last three innings to pick up the win, giving up just one hit while striking out six.

Basile went four for five with a double, two RBIs and three runs. Peck went two for five with a double and scored three runs. Keithley went two for four, while Carlson went two for five.

Statistics  
Riverside: 032 200 101-9 4 5  
Heppner: 111 401 022-10 13 6

Joey Parrish and Ryan Pedro; Sloan Keithley, Dan Basile (4), Kyle Carlson (6) and Robbie Smith. W-Carlson. L-Parrish. 2B-Parrish, Anthony Corpus (R); Basile, Quinn, Peck (H). 3B-none. HR-none.

## HJH Track team competes at Pendleton meet

The Heppner Jr. High track team competed in their fourth meet of the season on April 23 at the Pendleton Invitational Track Meet, where sixth grades competed against sixth, seventh against seventh grades, and eighth against eighth. "This was a big meet held under poor weather conditions. Team members had to learn to handle the weather components, and did well with the cold rainy weather," said coach Susan Hisler. Teams participating were Pendleton, Umatilla, Heppner, Ione, Stanfield, Ukiah, Weston-McEwen, Echo, Columbia, Pilot Rock and Helix. Results are as follows.

Sixth grade girls: Kristen Van Cleave-first shot put, 24'1"; second 400m, 1:16.61; fourth 800m, 3:02.29. Catherine McElligott-first 1500, 5:34.0; second 100m hurdles, 21.41; first 800m, 2:49.78. Erin Price-second 1500m, 5:46.64; third 800m, 2:58.20. Ashley Wolff-fifth shot put, 22'10"; third discus, 43'8". Brynna Rust-first 100m hurdles, 19.84; first 100m, 14.88; first 200m, 30.97; first long jump, 12'1.5". Jodessa Chapa-sixth 1500m, 6:56.32.

Sixth grade boys: Ben Wood-first shot put, 30'3.5"; first discus, 62'5"; sixth 100m, 15.55; fourth 4x100 relay, 1:08.90. Mark McCabe-sixth discus, 46'9"; fourth 4x100 relay. Lane Wright-fourth discus, 49'10"; fourth 4x100 relay. Tyler Robinson-fourth 4x100 relay.

Seventh grade girls: Nikki Fritz-first high jump, 4'0". Whitney Smith-second/third tie with Doutre, high jump, 3'10".


Seventh grade boys: Chris Wellington-first 400m, 1:00.49; first 800m (run with the eighth graders), 2:23.03; first 4x200 relay, 2:04.27. Dalton Wellman-second 800m, 2:30.55; first 4x200 relay. Spencer Palmer-third 800m, 2:33.18; first 4x200 relay. Matt Holland-sixth 100m, 14.59; first 4x200 relay; 200m in 29.47. Braden Britt-sixth 200m, 32.91.

Eighth grade girls: Cyde Coil-first high jump, 4'4". Katie Kilkenny-second shot put, 26'11"; sixth 4x200 relay, 2:36.88; second high jump, 4'4". Kylie Doherty-third high jump, 4'3"; sixth 4x200 relay. Kelsie Fox-fourth discus, 68". Kendra Rayburn-fifth shot put, 26'1". Afton Betsinger-sixth shot put, 25'2". Kelsey Wolff-sixth 400m, 1:25.24; fifth 800m; sixth 4x200 relay.

Eighth grade boys: Matt McCabe-third high jump, 4'8"; third shot put, 34'0". Lane Bailey-fourth 100m hurdles, 17.65 (personal best); sixth 800m, 2:42.38. Nathan Van Cleave-fifth 100m hurdles, 18.24; first shot put, 38'6"; third discus, 101'1"; first high jump, 5'. Nacho Elguezabal-fifth shot put, 32'1"; fourth high jump, 4'4"; fourth discus, 98'11".

"The Heppner Jr. High track team is doing extremely well again this season and is headed into the final week, with track championships to be held at Umatilla on Friday, May 7 at 1 p.m.," said Hisler.

"The Heppner team is looking forward to challenging individual and team titles in wrapping up their 2004 season. Sixth grader Catherine McElligott has rebroken her 1500m record and is near Abby Kahl's 1995 800m record. Chris Wellington, a seventh grader, is something to watch in the 400m, 800m and 200m, and is one of Heppner's fastest seventh graders on the all time list. Brynna Rust, a sixth grader, will challenge for 100m hurdles, 100m and 200m titles. Heppner is strong in both girls' and boys' 1500m and 800m runs. The field events have also seen a lot of success, where, as usual, the high jump is loaded with Heppner kids, as well as shot and discus events," Hisler said.



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